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Maximizing Your Office 2007 Productivity

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Using Word as a Blog Editor

This lesson explains the use of Word 2007 as your very own blog-editing tool. A blog, as you probably already know, is short for *weblog* (which is like a public diary or journal for most people, although it is being used by true journalists to take the place of the personal opinion columns from times past).

Before you can blog, you need an account. There are tons of ways to accomplish this. You can sign up with Blogger (www.blogger.com) or some other interesting blog service of your choice.

Blog services you might consider, being that they work with Word 2007 (not all blog service work with it), include the following:

- Windows Live Spaces (spaces.live.com)
- Microsoft Windows SharePoint Services (for in-house blogging)
- Community Server (www.communityserver.com)
- WordPress (www.wordpress.com)
- Blogger (www.blogger.com)
- TypePad (www.typepad.com)

If you already have a blog account, you can begin using it right away. Click the Office button, choose New, and choose New Blog Post. When the Register Blog Account dialog box displays, click Register Now to register your account with Word 2007. If you have more than one blog account, you can register as many of them as you have and can then choose whichever account you want for your posting.

If you already have a document you want to add to your blog site, click the Office button and choose Publish, Blog. Again, you must register your site.

When you begin the process, notice that you have only two ribbons at your disposal. The Blog Post and Insert ribbons are all you need.

If you are wondering why you might use Word for blogging rather than your standard blog interface, there are some benefits to doing so. For one, you can use spell checker and translation tools to make sure your spelling is correct, or to blog in another language, respectively. So, don't scoff at the idea just yet. Give it a try first.

Microsoft Office 2007 (codenamed Office 12) is a version of Microsoft Office, a family of office suites and productivity software for Windows, developed and published by Microsoft. It was released to manufacturing on November 3, 2006; it was subsequently made available to volume license customers on November 30, 2006, and later to retail on January 30, 2007, the same respective release dates of Windows Vista. It was preceded by Office 2003 and succeeded by Office 2010. Starting with Office 2007, Microsoft has included the Ribbon – a new look of the interface that contains all of the most important tools right at the top of each Office program. No more confusions with menus and searching for options everywhere. Corrections, various import and export options, PDF creation options, performance improvements and user interface tweaks – all these have been included in the 2007 edition of Office. And let’s not forget the ever-present Outlook email client or the Publisher design utility. Microsoft Office 2007 leads the pack in integrated business productivity software. Office 2007 Service Pack 3 includes the full version of the software, so you can use this download for either a new or an exiting installation of MS Office 2007. In either case, installation resolves a variety of issues with previous editions of Office, still the most popular business production software worldwide. Service Pack 3